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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) Limb protection assembly, in particular a portion which forms an upper of a motorcycle boot (1), comprising:
  - a substantially tubular body (2) which extends in a longitudinal direction (6) and which is intended to be adjusted around said limb and which has an aperture (8) which extends in the longitudinal direction,
  - a rigid tongue (10) which is intended to cover a front portion (22) of the body which extends at one side and the other of said aperture,
  - a strap (12) which extends transversely to the longitudinal direction between the edges of the aperture, said strap being connected to the body at one side and the other of the aperture in an adjustable manner in order to adjust the spacing between the edges of the aperture,characterised in that said tongue is carried by the strap on which it is mounted so as to slide freely, and in that the tongue and the body co-operate together in order to automatically centre the tongue relative to the aperture.
2. (original) Assembly according to claim 1, characterised in that:
  - it further comprises locking means (24, 26) which have an inactive position in which they allow the tongue to slide freely on the strap and an active position in which they act counter to said sliding,

- the locking means are placed in an active position when the tongue is pressed against said front zone.

3. (original) Assembly according to claim 2, characterised in that the locking means comprise:

- grooves (24) which are provided in the strap,
- a catch (26) having a shape which complements that of the grooves provided in the strap in order to engage therein, said catch resiliently assuming an inactive position in the absence of any external force and forming a protrusion relative to said tongue in the direction of said front zone when it is in said inactive position.

4. (original) Assembly according to claim 3, characterised in that the catch is produced by moulding with the tongue.

5. (currently amended) Assembly according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, characterised in that:

- the front portion has a non-circular cross-section, and
- said tongue has a cross-sectional shape which complements that of the front portion.

6. (original) Assembly according to claim 5, characterised in that said front portion has a substantially parabolic cross-section.

7. (currently amended) Assembly according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, characterised in that the tongue comprises two plastics components (10a, 10b) which are assembled together.

8. (currently amended) Assembly according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, characterised in that the body is formed by a rigid boot shell.

9. (currently amended) Assembly according to ~~any one of the preceding~~ claim[[s]] 1, characterised in that it comprises at least two straps (12).

10. (new) Assembly according to claim 2, characterised in that:

- the front portion has a non-circular cross-section, and
- said tongue has a cross-sectional shape which complements that of the front portion.

11. (new) Assembly according to claim 3, characterised in that:

- the front portion has a non-circular cross-section, and
- said tongue has a cross-sectional shape which complements that of the front portion.

12. (new) Assembly according to claim 4, characterised in that:

- the front portion has a non-circular cross-section, and
- said tongue has a cross-sectional shape which complements that of the front portion.

13. (new) Assembly according to claim 2, characterised in that the tongue comprises two plastics components (10a, 10b) which are assembled together.

14. (new) Assembly according to claim 3, characterised in that the tongue comprises two plastics components (10a, 10b) which are assembled together.

15. (new) Assembly according to claim 4, characterised in that the tongue comprises two plastics components (10a, 10b) which are assembled together.

16. (new) Assembly according to claim 5, characterised in that the tongue comprises two plastics components (10a, 10b) which are assembled together.

17. (new) Assembly according to claim 6, characterised in that the tongue comprises two plastics components (10a, 10b) which are assembled together.

18. (new) Assembly according to claim 2, characterised in that the body is formed by a rigid boot shell.

19. (new) Assembly according to claim 3, characterised in that the body is formed by a rigid boot shell.

20. (new) Assembly according to claim 4, characterised in that the body is formed by a rigid boot shell.